

The Leader.

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BY ROY HOFFMAN.

HAWAIIAN TIME TABLE.

NORTH ROUTE.
No. 400, Chicago Express, 5:45 a. m.
No. 401, M. J. Express, 7:30 p. m.
No. 402, Way Freight, 7:00 a. m.
No. 403, Local Freight, 7:30 p. m.

SOUTH ROUTE.
No. 404, Texas Express, 11:10 p. m.
No. 405, Oklahoma Express, 12:55 p. m.
No. 406, Way Freight, 1:00 p. m.
Passengers should procure tickets before getting on the train.

DENNIS AND HORACE.

Mr. Speed said in his letter, "don't let this become public as it might affect Mr. Flynn," and Mr. Riskey said this letter came to his office publicly. Although not so intended by Speed, it was a public paper and related to public business, went with the suit and no one can blame Mr. Riskey because the public saw it. The only blame attaches to its author and Mr. Flynn, in whose interest and with whose evident consent it was written. Mr. Speed for the party shown this defendant above others equally as deserving if not so conspicuous as Mr. Flynn, and not provided for by law, and for the neglect of his duty to his client the government, in not pressing this suit with the same vigor and publicity as any other suit.

Oh, no, Mr. Riskey, you did no wrong in letting the public see this document, although it expresses the wrong and duplicity of public officers, nor can you be justly held responsible for the contempt in which all just men hold their disreputable transaction. All good men will say to you, "well done." Messrs. Flynn and Speed are the sinners, the former for taking and keeping for four years, and still using public money to which he had no legal right, which Mr. Speed's letter shows he knows and admits and thus setting at naught and violating his solemn oath of office. Thus also demonstrating his want of moral right to it, and the latter for trying to conceal it from the public even after a Democratic administration had forced him to bring the suit, when his whole duty on his oath of office required a vigorous public prosecution, and instead wasting the public money and the entire time of the grand jury of this county (two weeks) until late at night of its last day in the investigation of alleged wrongs in an adjoining county over which, at last, he admitted they had no jurisdiction, and thus bringing the administration of justice into disrepute, by creating the belief with thinking people, that this time and money were thus wasted to shield Mr. Speed's friends. Could or can Mr. Flynn respect his oath of office as postmaster of this town and keep this money as he admits he has done, no matter who was consenting to it? Could any honorable district attorney respect him with a knowledge of these facts? Can an honorable congress longer tolerate him in view of these facts? Can a Democratic administration longer tolerate a district attorney who thus attempts to shield a man thus legally and morally debauched? No wonder Speed says "this might affect Mr. Flynn." His conscience told him it ought but his partisanship quelled conscience, and made him pen the guilty words which all old citizens cannot wash away and which like Hamlet's ghost will not down at his bidding and the stain of which eternally cannot obliterate. How can congress reimburse Flynn? He has not paid the money to the government else the suit would not have been brought. Is he trying to get a bill through congress without their knowing the facts? May be so, and this may be another reason why publicity might affect him. But his apologists say the Attorney-General and Postmaster-General have endorsed his claim. This is surely not true of this administration for they have forced the suit. If of the Harrison administration, which from its age we are not prepared to deny, and these officers were consenting and conniving at this palpable violation of law and duty it cannot excuse or mitigate Flynn's or Speed's wrongs, but only taints two cabinet officers of that administration. It ought to have been said as this one has done. But Flynn and Speed's friends would leave us to believe Flynn bulldozed these two departments by a threat to resign if they did not let him keep this illegal money. Now, wasn't this fairly "sweetened" out Miller and Wannamaker. Now don't this make them a precious pair of innocents abroad and pygmies in high places. But by some means yet unexplained even after he had left the postoffice and could no longer bulldoze them by the threat of resignation this mighty Jack the Giant Killer kept on bulldozing them and they dared not sue him. Mighty was Flynn. Some naughty and wicked persons have made the vile suggestion that they doubt this and believe that Speed should have brought the suit long ago and would have done so with a flourish of trumpets if the defendants had been hated democrats. We decline to believe the charge against Miller and Wannamaker until better proof is made than the simple assertion of Speed and Flynn's henchmen who would debauch Heaven to save their pals.

But be it as it may as to Mr. Harrison's administration, this one will not be bulldozed even by mighty Flynn. When they are threatened with resignation by a fourth-class postmaster, they don't fall down and beseech the mighty to remain and take all he wants from the public till, but tell him, as did the old darker, Mingo, out on the Texas plains in the old days, who had the only jug of liquor in the whole country and a very small cup to

measure drinks with, and asking fifty cents a drink, and complained when Mingo told him the price, and Mingo just said: "If you don't like it, just pour it back in de jug." The argument was conclusive. The fellow took the drink and if Harrison's crowd had only not got scared, but just said to Flynn, "If you don't like it, just pour it back in de jug," and a tax-ridden people would have had this money in their treasury four years ago instead of in Mr. Mr. Flynn's pocket, and Mr. Speed relieved of the humiliation of this shameful transaction. No, Mr. Riskey, you have done well and served your country well in preserving this monument of official duplicity, and thus letting an outraged public know the truth at a time when it was so diligently sought to conceal it. Dear reader, "don't let this become public, as it might affect Mr. Flynn," and next time, Mr. Speed, either make up your mind to do your duty and press the government's business entrusted to your care, as professional ethics require you should, or give place to some one who has the honesty to do so, or take the hated cypher which you feign so much to detest in your blind personal malice and partisan spleen, (for which good men in your own party loathe you) against men who never yet played a double hand or betrayed a client, or adopt the more approved vernacular of sneaks and say: "Burn this letter." We would, however, advise either of the two, but, as either will surely save you from the sore humiliation you and your friend, Flynn, must now suffer if you be not insensible to shame. Above all, in common decency and common honesty, stop your clackers from their foul aspersions on ex-Attorney General Miller and ex-Postmaster-General Wannamaker, whom we believe to be honest men, however widely we differ from them politically, and relieve them of the infamous odium thus cast on them.

WHAT CAME OF IT.

The meeting of the central committee at El Reno yesterday was a democratic love feast. Improper motives had been ascribed to Secretary Dunn through incorrect reports as to his purpose in calling the convention. If any member brought his personal ambition along with him he swallowed it for the general good of the whole. Aside from the early meeting provided for calling a delegate convention, we believe its act on well taken, but the 15th of January is too early to provide for a delegate convention, and we are opposed to mid-winter conventions on general principles. The resolution as originally offered by Mr. Ray provided a call not later than March 1, which seems easily early enough. However, the democratic party for the first time in Oklahoma is putting on a solid front and is getting down to business.

ROBBERY is getting to be an everyday occurrence at Chicago. Three men undertook to rob a proprietor of a provision store there one day this week just after he opened his place for business in the morning, but he opened fire on them with a revolver that he happened to have handy, killing one of them and wounding another. They returned the fire but without effect. Our news report gave an account of the robbery of the cashier of the wholesale stamp department of the post office in that city Tuesday night, who was strangled in his office by a man who succeeded in getting away with \$5,000 in cash. The closing of the World's Fair left a swarm of desperate crooks in Chicago as well as an army of laborers who cannot find work, and the authorities have their hand full watching the former and caring for the latter.

For clear, convincing logic and a conclusion that is inevitable from the evidence, President Cleveland's supplementary message to the senate on Hawaiian matters is as admirable a state paper as ever submitted.

THEY say worry is causing Colonel Speed to grow bald—"but don't let this become public!"

THE LEADER has another batch of fresh affidavits showing how Speed secured convictions.

JUDITH BROOKS possesses a level head.

SPEED can't even dig up.

POOR SPEED.

Statehood Subject Quiet.

Special to the Leader.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Hawaiian question continued the main feature of to-day's congress. Nothing was done regarding the Oklahoma statehood matter. The question was not called up.

The Merricks Located.

The whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Merrick has finally been discovered. They are now at Thayer, Mo., with Mrs. Merrick's people. From a letter written from Thayer it seems that Mr. and Mrs. Merrick became impressed with the idea that a plot was forming to murder them, and their hasty departure was because of that belief. The neighbors are at a loss to account for the hallucination. The Merricks are held in high esteem by all the neighbors, and nobody knows an enemy of theirs in the country anywhere. The affair is very much regretted by all the inhabitants of Boone township.

Wanted.

A No. 1 fresh milk cow.

dwl106 H. H. HAGAN.

The "Kandle Citchin" is at 117 Oklahoma avenue.

Local Markets.

Wheat, hard, 42 1/2 @ 43 1/2
Wheat, soft, 45 1/2 @ 46 1/2
Oats, 30 @ 31
Corn, 20 @ 21
Hay, 5.00 @ 6.00
Hogs, 4.00 @ 4.25
Sheep, 1.25 @ 1.50
Cows, 1.00 @ 1.25
Steers, 1.00 @ 1.25
Calves, 1.25 @ 1.50
Spring chickens, 1.50 @ 1.75
Turkeys, 1.50 @ 1.75
Ducks, 1.25 @ 1.50
Geese, 1.00 @ 1.25
Castor beans, 1.00 @ 1.25
Brown corn, per ton, 25.00 @ 26.00
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Guthrie, Dec. 19, 1903.

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Candy, 8 pounds, at Miller's Candy Kitchen.

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WHAT WAS DONE

AT THE TERRITORIAL COMMITTEE MEETING AT EL RENO.

STOOD FOR SINGLE STATEHOOD ONLY.

And Other Good, Sound Resolutions Adopted, Followed by Bunches of Democratic Harmony.

The democratic central committee of the Territory met in El Reno yesterday pursuant to the call of Secretary Dunn. All counties except "Q," "K" and "M" were represented either in person or by proxy. The members arrived on the morning trains over the Choctaw and the Rock Island, and assembled at the Kerfoot hotel. El Reno's palatial hostelry, confessedly the finest and best appointed hotel in Oklahoma.

Some little side "will-eyed" talk was indulged in, but on the whole there was general good feeling and a unanimity of purpose. It early became apparent in the preliminary caucus, that the convention had been called in good faith and with the honest intent of providing a representation for the strip counties and securing an early call for the next delegate convention.

If there was any disposition to neglect Ross it was not manifested. McEaster was there with "little resolution," and in order to be sure to "get it in" in time he jumped up and introduced it as soon as the chairman rapped for order. As it was originally introduced it meant statehood at all events and under any circumstances.

And was in direct line of McEaster's well known policy that "the would rather live in a republican state than a democratic territory." The committee promptly put salt on its tail, extracted its claws, pumped democracy into it and here it is as it passed:

That we endorse the action of the state executive committee upon the admission of Oklahoma and the Indian territory as one state, and we further affirmatively declare in favor of such immediate admission with the boundaries defined as congress may deem most beneficial, and request all territorial officials to aid us to their utmost in the matter.

By resolution of Bierer, the following members of the committee were received upon their credentials of election at regular meetings in their respective counties:

F. E. Wasson, "L"; R. J. Edwards, "P"; B. R. Smith, "N"; John L. Wiggins, "O."

It was directed that the Democratic central committee of each county in the territory, duly organized, certify to the secretary of the committee the name of the chairman of the county central committee for that county, and select a member of the committee wherever there is a vacancy, and certify the name to the secretary hereof, and that the unorganized counties in the strip, to-wit: "Q," "M" and "K," organize the central committee in each county at once, and select and certify to the territorial central committee a member thereof, and also the chairman of such county central committee.

Also that the chairman and secretary of the territorial central committee be requested to call the committee together at a time not later than January 15, at 9 a. m., at El Reno, for the purpose of apportioning representation to the different counties and for calling a territorial convention; and if the chairman or secretary shall fail or refuse to so call such committee, a meeting at the time and place herein specified is hereby called.

It was ordered that a committee be appointed to call the attention of the administration to the fact that the actions of a number of Republican officials yet holding offices in Oklahoma are not in the interests of the public service or of good government, but are directed and intended to cast odium upon the Democratic administration, and are detrimental to the Democratic party of our territory.

Strong talks were made by Dunn, Bierer, Cutlip, Ray, Smith, and many others followed in general discussion. If any personal feeling ever existed, it is already forgotten, and the central committee will place a "dividing wedge" in the rush line at the next general election that will easily split the opposition and secure a touch-down.

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THE GUILD BAZAAR.

Assumptive Opening of the Episcopal Ladies' Entertainment—The Booths.

The bazaar of the Episcopal guild opened auspiciously yesterday afternoon at McKennon opera house. During the afternoon and evening large numbers of ladies and gentlemen were present and the various booths enjoyed a good patronage. The hall and booths are gorgeously decorated, and with the kaleidoscope of brilliantly costumed women, bears the appearance of a veritable fairy dail. Following are the booths and the ladies working in them:

JAPANESE BOOTH.
Cocoon, tea and coffee served. Mrs. Williams in charge, assisted by Mesdames Hilton, Ramsey, Nix, Halstead, and Mrs. George Gray.

DOLL BOOTH.
Dolls on sale. Miss Alice Paine in charge, assisted by Misses Annie Seely and Mary Lou Brook.

FANCY BOOTH.
Fancy articles of all kinds. Mrs. Jacob Corbett in charge; associates, Mrs. George Orner, Misses Buckner and Painter.

ICE CREAM BOOTH.
Mrs. Brook in charge; assisted by Mesdames Seaton, Greer and Barnes. The ladies in this booth are attired in white and the booth decorations are of white material.

CANDY BOOTH.
Miss Annie Paine in charge; assisted by Miss Adella Seely, Mrs. Harry Barnes; Miss Mattie and Lord Cattle.

REPRESENTATIONS.
Mrs. Havighorst, chairman of committee, assisted by Mesdames Berkeley, Kingsbury and Sutton.

Supper was served from 5 to 7, and the charming young ladies of St. Margaret's guild officiated as waitresses. The bazaar will be open at 2 o'clock to accommodate those who are unable to be present during the evenings. The children's May-pole dance will be given to-night, and a concert will be the bill for Thursday night.

OVER THE TERRITORY.
Bright and breezy bits of news dashed up for the benefit of "Leader" readers.

Two sons of Sebastian, Valerie the designer of the Robert E. Lee statue at New Orleans, reside at zero.

R. R. Talley has been employed as superintendent of Perry schools.

Hardisty Herald: From the State Capital published at Guthrie, we learn that the representatives sent by Beaver county to the legislature were not in high favor with the editor of that sheet. We never supposed Editor Greer was especially harmonious with either a Democrat or an honest man.

It is Poor Lo with his juicy annuities who is blocking statehood for Oklahoma.

Tom King and the deputy sheriff are said to have escaped on one horse the deputy riding behind.

The most prominent business men of Enid belong to the fire department, and they all work together.

The county jail has a capacity for only sixteen men, and there are thirty in it at present.

Most of the Iowa and Sae and Fox Indians are doing the ghost dance a few miles east of Perkins. It is said.

Perry now has a cow ordinance.

The Enid Daily Wave has just been unfurled at that town.

The Enid land office is busy with mail filings.

A majority of the grand jury at Perry are Democrats.

The territorial board of pharmacy will meet at El Reno Jan. 2.

Tom King seems to have a dogged determination to do up dogs.

The revenues of the city of Guthrie amount to about \$1,000 a quarter.

M. E. Conference.

Extensive preparations are being made for the M. E. church conference, which begins in this city Thursday and continues until Monday.

The new shoe store at 115 Harrison avenue keeps everything in footwear at prices—well, rail and we will explain.

Candy enough at Miller's on Second street to supply all Oklahoma. 1013

Now you must buy boots and shoes. This weather compels you to. Willhelm, at 115 Harrison avenue, can save you money in this line.

FOR SALE—A lady's pony. Call at 412 North First street. 5021f

FOR RENT—One commodious six-room house close to the Catholic church with cellar, stable, buggy shed, wood shed and a good well. Rent very cheap. Address lock box 103.

The doll and the candy booths are as sweet and pretty as the young ladies who serve you, and you can find anything there that you want in either line.

Ed's bakery is loaded with fine candies, fruits and nuts. Must sell everything during the holidays. 1019

Statutes Bound Property.

The Leader bindery is turning out statutes by the wholesale. The binding is the best ever done in the west. Call at this office and see them.

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